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Fall Plenary

***FOR DISCUSSION AT AREA MEETINGS,
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Resolutions Committee 2020-2021

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FALL 2020 VIRTUAL RESOLUTIONS PROCESS

In order to ensure that deliberations are organized, effective, and meaningful, the Academic Senate uses the following resolution procedure:

- Pre-session resolutions are developed by the Executive Committee (through its committees) and submitted to the pre-session Area Meetings for review.
- Amendments and new pre-session resolutions are generated in the Area Meetings.
- The Resolutions Committee meets to review all pre-session resolutions and combine, re-word, append, or render moot these resolutions as necessary.
- The resolutions are debated and voted upon in the general sessions on the last day of the Plenary Session by the delegates.
- All appendices are available on the ASCCC website.

Prior to plenary session, it is each attendee's responsibility to read the following documents:

- Senate Delegate Roles and Responsibilities (link in Local Senates Handbook or click [here](#))
- Resolution Procedures (Part II in Resolutions Handbook)
- Resolution Writing and General Advice (Part III in Resolutions Handbook)

New delegates are strongly encouraged to attend the New Delegate Orientation on Thursday morning during the first breakout session.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The resolutions that have been placed on the Consent Calendar 1) were believed to be noncontroversial, 2) do not potentially reverse a previous position, and 3) do not compete with another proposed resolution. Resolutions that meet these criteria and any subsequent clarifying amendments have been included on the Consent Calendar. To remove a resolution from the Consent Calendar, please see the Consent Calendar section of the *Resolutions Procedures for the Plenary Session*.

Consent Calendar resolutions and amendments are marked with an *.
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1.0 ACADEMIC SENATE

***1.01 F20 Adopt Updated ASCCC Vision, Mission, and Values Statements**

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges does not have a vision statement, its mission statement was created and adopted by delegates in spring 2005 (Resolution 1.03 S05) and has remained unchanged since, and its values statements were created by the Executive Committee in response to Resolution 1.02 F08 and adopted by delegates in fall 2009 (Resolution 1.02 F09);

Whereas, While the current mission and values statements remain relevant, they inadequately communicate the importance of diverse faculty representation and perspectives and inadequately emphasize student success; and

Whereas, Input was solicited in breakouts at plenaries in fall 2018, spring 2019, and fall 2019, and participant feedback significantly shaped the draft considered by the Executive Committee and proposed for adoption by delegates;

Resolved, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopt the vision statement and updated mission and values statements¹.

Contact: ASCCC Executive Committee

***1.02 F20 Develop a Resource to Communicate and Encourage Part-time Faculty Leadership**

Whereas, The Chancellor's Office Management Information System Datamart for fall of 2019 indicates that 69.7% of faculty indicated as temporary, which includes part-time faculty, in the California Community College system are part-time faculty, yet the most recent Local Senates survey² completed in 2017 by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges indicates that 64 colleges indicated that they have part-time faculty serving as local senators;

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has multiple resolutions and papers supporting part-time faculty and the importance of their voice in effective governance;

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges' Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2 includes eligibility for part-time faculty to run for an Executive Committee position (i.e., Board of Directors), yet few part-time faculty have served; and

Whereas, in the last few years, approximately 26% of the total applicants interested in serving on statewide committees have been part-time faculty, yet only 15-17% of the

¹ [Proposed ASCCC Vision, Mission, and Values Statement](#)

² [Local Senates Survey 2017](#)

appointments to Academic Senate for California Community Colleges' standing committees have been part-time faculty;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges develop a resource identifying effective practices and providing recommendations to assist colleges and local academic senates in creating and communicating equitable policies and various leadership opportunities for part-time faculty; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges widely communicate and encourage statewide leadership opportunities available to part-time faculty and bring the aforementioned resource to the Fall 2021 Plenary Session for adoption.

Contact: Steven Chang, Part-time Committee

3.0 DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

3.01 F20 Support *The Anti-Racism Pledge

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopted at the Fall Plenary of 2019 resolution 3.02 F19, Support Infusing Anti-Racism/No Hate Education in Community Colleges; and

Whereas, The resolution established a commitment for the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to “take steps to not only strive for a greater knowledge about and the celebration of diversity, but also to support deeper training that reveals the inherent racism embedded in societal institutions, including the educational system, and asks individuals to examine their personal role in the support of racist structures and the commitment to work to dismantle structural racism”;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges distribute “The Anti-Racism Pledge”³;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges ask faculty and other stakeholders to examine their personal role and commit to dismantle structural racism by signing “The Anti-Racism Pledge”; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, in order to work toward ending institutional discrimination, provide deeper training that reveals and addresses the inherent racism embedded in societal and educational institutions to faculty by spring of 2021.

Contact: Karla Kirk, Equity and Diversity Action Committee

³ [*The Anti-Racism Pledge*](#)

***3.02 F20 Recommendation to Update Title 5 Language for Minimum Qualifications**

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopted a new inclusivity statement in fall 2019—Resolution 3.03 F19, Replacing the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges Inclusivity Statement—that aligns with the Board of Governor’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement;⁴

Whereas, The paper *Equity Driven Systems: Student Equity and Achievement in the California Community Colleges*, adopted through Resolution 3.04 F19, calls for the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and local academic senates to move beyond individual actions to transformational system change addressing policies and procedures;

Whereas, Title 5, § 53024.1 acknowledges that “establishing and maintaining a richly diverse workforce is an on-going process that requires continued institutionalized effort”; and

Whereas, Title 5, § 53022 defines the minimum qualifications for all faculty positions and requires all faculty applicants to demonstrate “a sensitivity to and understanding of the diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, and ethnic backgrounds of community college students”;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to recommend changes for consideration regarding the minimum qualifications that may include an update to the Title 5, §53022 language to exhibit and reflect the demonstration of cultural humility,⁵ cultural responsiveness,⁶ and equity-mindedness⁷ that transcend “sensitivity” and further define the knowledge, skills, and behaviors in the second minimum qualification for faculty positions.

Contact: Luke Lara, Faculty Leadership Development Committee

⁴Vision for Success Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statement passed by the Board of Governors at its September 17, 2019 meeting. <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/Files/BOG/2019/bog-agenda-09-16-17-2019.ashx?la=en&hash=7D1FC0B7B1D994735C9EEF66F407D82D86AE1625>

⁵ Cultural humility is a lifelong commitment to self-evaluation and self-critique, redressing the power imbalances in the student-teacher dynamic, developing mutually beneficial partnerships with communities on behalf of individuals and defined populations. Source: Tervalon M, Murray-Garcia J: “Cultural humility versus cultural competence: a critical distinction in defining physician training outcomes in multicultural education, “Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved 1998; 9(2):117-124. Retrieved from https://melanietervalon.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/CulturalHumility_Tervalon-and-Murray-Garcia-Article.pdf

⁶ Culturally responsive teaching recognizes the importance of including students' cultural references in all aspects of learning, enriching classroom experiences, and keeping students engaged. Retrieved from <https://www.tolerance.org/professional-development/being-culturally-responsive>

⁷ Equity-mindedness refers to the perspective or mode of thinking exhibited by practitioners who call attention to patterns of inequity in student outcomes. Retrieved from <https://cue.usc.edu/about/equity/equity-mindedness/>

***3.03 F20 Adopt Anti-Racism Education Paper**

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopted Resolution 3.02 F19, Support Infusing Anti-Racism/No Hate Education in Community Colleges;

Whereas, Recognizing the national history of discriminatory laws and history of racial diversification and equity efforts in the California Community Colleges system informs current faculty diversification and anti-racism efforts; and

Whereas, Applying tenets of anti-racism as well as principles for anti-racism professional development is critical for recognizing and dismantling racist structures and for building inclusive cultures within our colleges;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopt and disseminate broadly the paper titled *Anti-Racism Education in California a Community Colleges: Acknowledging Historical Context and Assessing and Addressing Effective Anti-Racism Practices for Faculty Professional Development*.⁸

Contact: ASCCC Executive Committee

4.0 ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER

***4.01 F20 Adopt the paper Effective and Equitable Transfer Practices in the California Community Colleges**

Whereas, Resolution 4.01 S18 directed the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to “develop a paper identifying effective practices around transfer to assist colleges to create and apply uniform and equitable transfer policies and bring the paper to the Fall 2019 Plenary Session for adoption”;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopt and disseminate broadly the paper *Effective and Equitable Transfer Practices in the California Community Colleges*.⁹

Contact: Lorraine Levy, Transfer, Articulation, and Student Services Committee

6.0 STATE AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

***6.01 F20 Oppose the Legislation of Curriculum without Inclusion of Academic Senate Participation**

Whereas, Curriculum, especially curriculum that leads to the expansion of required courses and units, should be driven by faculty to meet the educational needs of the

⁸ [*Anti-Racism Education in California a Community Colleges: Acknowledging Historical Context and Assessing and Addressing Effective Anti-Racism Practices for Faculty Professional Development*](#)

⁹ [*Effective and Equitable Transfer Practices in the California Community Colleges*](#)

community it serves with consideration of transfer opportunities and the capacity to hire faculty in disciplines that could be required due to the legislation;

Whereas, Title 5, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, established by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and including curricular requirements for the California Community Colleges, has the strength of law;

Whereas, The California Community Colleges Board of Governors Standing Orders section 332 requires that “the advice and judgment of the Academic Senate will be primarily relied upon whenever the policy involves an academic and professional matter”; and

Whereas, Efforts to write California community colleges’ curriculum into legislation have the potential to supersede collegial consultation and the primacy of academic senates in curriculum recommendations;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges assert that curricular requirements for the California Community College system reside in Title 5, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations and not in California Education Code; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges oppose legislation that establishes curriculum for the California community colleges without inclusion of the Academic Senate in curriculum and educational program development as specified in Title 5 53200(c).

Contact: Christopher Howerton, Legislative and Advocacy Committee

9.0 CURRICULUM

***9.01 F20 Recommendations for the Implementation of a No-Cost Designation in Course Schedules**

Whereas, Resolution 13.01 S19 asked that the “Academic Senate for California Community Colleges develop suggested guidelines, policies, and practices for implementation of SB 1359 (Block, 2016) no later than Spring of 2020”;

Whereas, Most California community colleges have overcome the technical challenges associated with implementing a “no-cost” designation in their online course schedules and are now seeking to perfect this implementation by ensuring consistency in the criteria used to determine which sections are marked with this designation and establishing procedures to ensure that no qualifying sections are missed;

Whereas, The details of the legislation—i.e., the requirement that sections marked with the no-cost designation be those “that exclusively use digital course materials”—are inconsistent with how “zero textbook cost” had been defined by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office and do not address how courses that have never required a text, as documented in the course outline of record, should be treated; and

Whereas, Consistency and transparency across colleges is beneficial to students, faculty, and anyone with an interest in assessing the impact of efforts to reduce textbook costs;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges recommend that colleges implement both of the following:

1. a no-cost designation for course sections that require a text but no-cost is passed on to students and
2. a separate designation to recognize those courses that do not require a text and, consequently, have no associated costs for instructional resources;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges recommend that the no-cost designation be used to recognize those sections that use digital resources (consistent with SB 1359[Block, 2016]) and those sections that require a text yet are “no-cost” due to something other than a digital alternative;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges recommend integration of identification of a course section as being no-cost into the existing textbook selection process; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges provide additional guidance and resources related to SB 1359 (Block, 2016) no later than the Fall 2020 Plenary.

Contact: Michelle Pilati, Faculty Coordinator ASCCC Open Educational Resources Initiative

***9.02 F20 Strengthen the Ethnic Studies Requirement**

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges recognizes and embraces the vital role that ethnic studies curriculum plays in all levels of education;

Whereas, Title 5 §55063(b)(2) requires that “ethnic studies will be offered in at least one of the areas required by subdivision (1) [which outlines associate degree general education requirements],” and many colleges have a separate ethnic studies graduation requirement;

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges is deeply appreciative of the recognition by the legislature that ethnic studies is a crucial element in the education of California’s community college students, is committed to the principles of equity and diversity, and understands that an ethnic studies requirement is an essential tool in achieving those principles; and

Whereas, Ethnic Studies is an interdisciplinary and comparative study of race and ethnicity with special focus on four historically defined racialized core groups: Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Latina/o Americans; and;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office through existing processes and recommend updates to the ethnic studies general education requirement in the California Code of Regulations, Title 5 §55063.

Contact: ASCCC Executive Committee

10.0 DISCIPLINES LIST

***10.01 F20 *Disciplines List*—Registered Behavior Technician**

Whereas, Oral and written testimony given through the consultation process used for the review of *Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges*, also known as the *Disciplines List*, supported the following addition of the Registered Behavior Technician discipline:

Master's in behavior analysis, education, or psychology

OR

the equivalent

AND

certification as a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) as set by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB); and

Whereas, The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has reviewed the proposal and deemed that the process outlined in the *Disciplines List Revision Handbook* was followed;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges recommend that the California Community Colleges Board of Governors adopt the proposed addition to the *Disciplines List* for Registered Behavior Technician.¹⁰

Contact: Angela Echeverri, Standards & Practices Committee

10.02 F20 Adopt the Revised and Updated Paper *Equivalence to the Minimum Qualifications

Whereas, The California Community Colleges Student Success Scorecard reports that in 2017 the gulf in completion rates for degree, certificate, or transfer within six years of entering community college was 30.1 percentage points between the group with the highest completion rate and the group with the lowest rate;

Whereas, The 2016 Academic Senate for California Community Colleges 2016 paper *Equivalence to the Minimum Qualifications*¹¹ concludes that “Faculty equivalency to the minimum qualifications should be an uncommon occurrence, but it is an important mechanism to ensure a diverse group of qualified applicants is considered to engage and enhance student learning,” and at some districts equivalence is seldom or never granted or is framed in a manner that discourages applicants who might demonstrate equivalence

¹⁰ [Registered Behavior Technician Language](#)

¹¹ [Equivalency to the Minimum Qualifications \(2016\)](#)

from applying despite the mention of equivalence in California Education Code § 87359; and

Whereas, The Career Technical Education Faculty Minimum Qualifications Toolkit (2019) provides means to document equivalence to the associate’s degree and is intended “to maximize the flexibility currently allowed in the use of equivalency, thus creating a deep, diverse, and qualified pool of industry-expert candidates”;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopt and broadly disseminate the revised and updated paper *Equivalence to the Minimum Qualifications (2020)*,¹² which now clarifies that equivalence is not only legally permissible but necessary to broadening hiring pools as a means of promoting faculty diversification.

Contact: Eric Thompson, Standards & Practices Committee

17.0 LOCAL SENATES

***17.01 F20 Integration of Guided Pathways Work and Institutional Processes and Structures**

Whereas, The funding to support institutional transformation as codified by the California Community Colleges Guided Pathways [Award] Program is coming to an end, with the final allocation of the remaining 10% in July 2021;

Whereas, The work of establishing and improving a college’s guided pathways framework is integral with all institution-wide work;

Whereas, The integration of the college guided pathways framework with college practices and processes in areas such as governance, workflow, and responsibilities requires thoughtful, proactive planning that is institution-wide, and

Whereas, Key elements for institutional change through a guided pathways framework are academic and professional matters as provided for in Title 5 §53200 and fall under the purview of the local academic senate;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges encourage local academic senates to work within their local processes to infuse, expand, and integrate guided pathways efforts into institutional structures and practices; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges provide professional development opportunities and resources on topics such as but not limited to creating integration plans, sharing successful strategies, and identifying challenges to infuse, expand, and integrate guided pathways efforts into institutional structures and practices.

Contact: Jeffrey Hernandez, Guided Pathways Task Force

¹² [Equivalence to the Minimum Qualifications\(2020\)](#)

18.0 MATRICULATION

***18.01 F20 Paper and Resources for Evaluating Placement in English, English as a Second Language, and Mathematics Pathways**

Whereas, All placement methods, including the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office "default placement rules," must be evaluated regularly for efficacy and bias; and

Whereas, Substantial shifts in placement, enrollment, and successful completion have been experienced as a result of both full AB 705 (Irwin, 2017) implementation and COVID-19 pandemic challenges; and

Whereas, Local governing boards are to consult collegially with local academic senates on all academic and professional matters, and in particular curriculum, degree and certificate requirements, grading policies, program development, and standards or policies regarding student preparation and success (Title 5 §53200), which are integral to determining student placement protocols that provides students with the best chance of success; and

Whereas, The Guided Pathways Task Force report *Optimizing Student Success: A Report on Placement in English and Mathematics Pathways*¹³ identified key data elements associated with placement data that indicated areas for a more in-depth and collaborative analysis;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges encourage, support, and assist local academic senates in collaboration with their college research professionals to create evaluation plans that examine throughput, student success, persistence, retention, unsuccessful course attempts, and completion with a goal of optimizing student success and addressing inequities and achievement gaps among disproportionately impacted or marginalized student groups; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, in collaboration with system partners, write a paper on optimizing student success by evaluating placement in English, English as a Second Language, and mathematics pathways for consideration at the spring 2022 plenary session.

Contact: Lance Heard, Guided Pathways Task Force

19.0 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

***19.1 F20 Adopt the Paper Protecting the Future of Academic Freedom in a Time of Great Change**

Whereas, Resolution 01.03 F18 directed the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges "to provide guidance to local academic senates and faculty on safeguarding academic freedom rights and responsibilities in the current political environment, update

¹³ [*Optimizing Student Success: A Report on Placement in English and Mathematics Pathways*](#)

the 1998 paper *Academic Freedom and Tenure: A Faculty Perspective* by spring of 2020”;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopt and broadly disseminate the paper *Protecting the Future of Academic Freedom in a Time of Great Change*.¹⁴

Contact: Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Educational Policy Committee

¹⁴ [*Protecting the Future of Academic Freedom in a Time of Great Change*](#).